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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2006. Favorable reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 20,21,23-27, 29-31, 33-38, and 43-50 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over German 19537190. The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Independent claims 20, 29, 38, and 43 all recite a blind having vertical slats that define first and second faces, wherein the second face is aligned vertically below the first face. The first face is configured to transmit substantially no light while providing substantially no visibility and the second face is configured to at least partially transmit light while providing visibility. The structure of the vertical slats makes it possible to reduce the amount of light coming into a room by blocking light through the first, upper oriented face while still providing visibility through the second, lower oriented face. The blind structure recited in the claims